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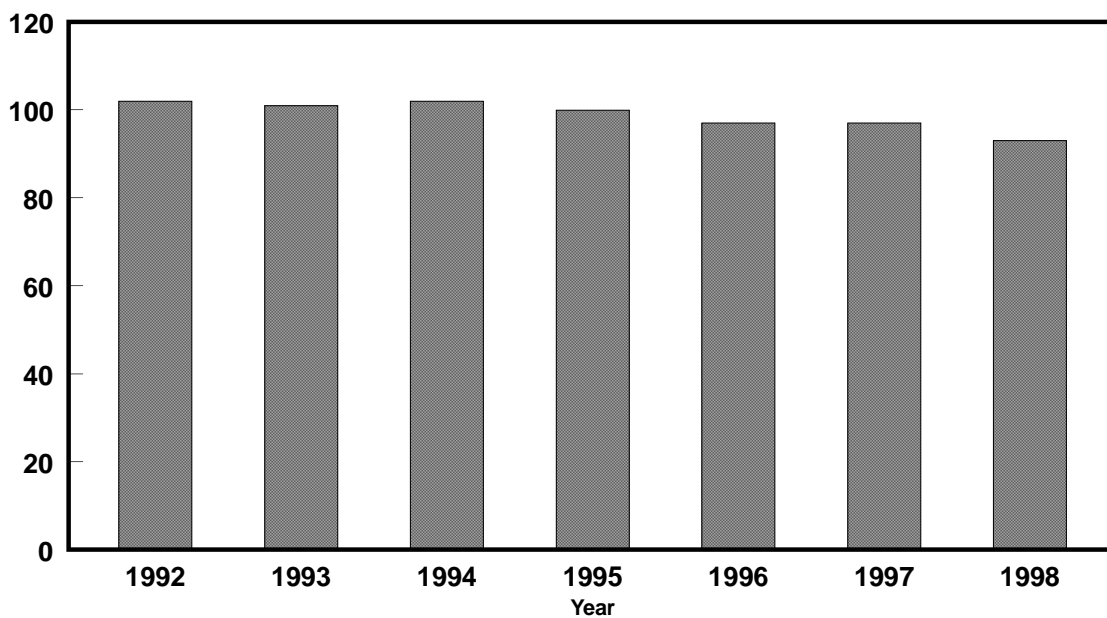
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MILK COWS - NUMBER ON FARMS

Georgia, 1992-1998

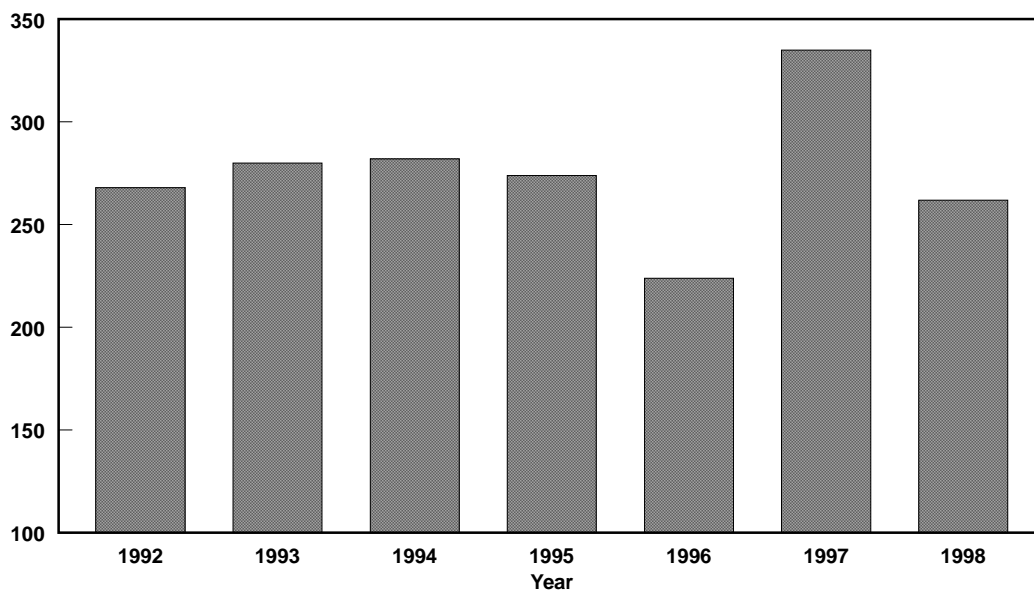
Thousand Head



CATTLE AND CALVES

Cash Receipts, Georgia, 1992-1998

Million Dollars



LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY

HIGHLIGHTS--1998

All cattle and calves on January 1, 1999, totaled 1,300,000 head, unchanged from a year ago. Cattle prices averaged \$43.30 for 1998, down \$1.20 from 1997. Higher prices the first six months could not offset the lower prices of the last six months. As of December 1, 1998 there were 480,000 hogs and pigs on Georgia's farms. In 1998 hog prices tumbled to the lowest annual average since 1972. The 1998 marketing year average price for all hogs of \$32.40 per cwt was \$16.20 lower than in 1997.

Milk prices were up an average of 13 percent in 1998. Georgia ranked 26th in the nation in pounds of milk produced.

Cash receipts from marketing of dairy and livestock products totaled \$563.6 million during 1998, down 17 percent from 1997.

CATTLE

Georgia's cattle herd totaled 1.30 million head on January 1, 1999, is unchanged from the previous year. Georgia's inventory ranked 24th in the nation. On January 1 1999, there were 98.5 million head in the United States, down 1 percent from January 1998.

Beef cows in Georgia totaled 620,000 on January 1, 1999, down 1 percent from 1998. Heifers for beef cow replacement, weighing 500 pounds or more, totaled 85,000 head. This is a decrease of 10 percent from the previous year. During 1998 there were 90,000 milk cows including those dry and being milked. The 29,000 heifers for milk cow replacement was 9 percent less than 1998. The 1998 total calf crop totaled 590,000 head, up 2 percent above 1997. Cattle on feed for the slaughter market totaled 2,000 head on January 1, 3,000 head less than 1998. A total of 23,000 farms in Georgia had cattle, of which 22,000 had beef cows.

The January 1, 1999 value of all cattle and calves on Georgia farms was \$676 million. The average value per head was \$520. Cash receipts from cattle and calf sales totaled \$262 million. Marketings of cattle and calves totaled 647,000 head in 1998.

Jackson County had the most cattle and calves with 26,500 head. Carroll and Morgan County was second with 26,000 head, followed by Franklin County with 24,000 head and Brooks County with 23,000 head.

HOGS

There were 480,000 hogs and pigs on Georgia farms on December 1, 1998, down 40,000 head from 1997. Breeding hog inventory at 70,000 was unchanged from the previous year. Market hogs totaled 410,000, down 9 percent from the previous year. The pig crop totaled 870,000, down 8 percent from 1997. A total of 104,000 sows farrowed in 1998, down 9 percent from the previous year. The annual average pig per litter rose to an average of 8.4, pigs saved per litter for 1998, compared to 8.3 in 1997. The number of farms with hogs totaled 1,700, down 300 from 1997. Georgia ranks 18th among all states for total number of hogs and pigs.

On December 1, 1998, the hogs and pigs on Georgia farms had a total value of \$18.1 million, down 57 percent from 1997. The average value per head was \$42.00, down \$39.00 from the previous year. Marketings for 1998 totaled 948,000 head. Cash receipts totaled \$65.3 million. The average price received by producers in 1998 was \$32.40 per hundredweight, down \$16.20 cents from 1997.

Mitchell county led all counties in the numbers of hogs and pigs on farms with 39,000 head, followed by Oglethorpe with 34,000 head, White with 24,000 and Tattnall with 21,000 head.

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Georgia totaled 1.44 billion pounds in 1998, 3 percent less than 1997. Of the 1998 milk produced, 12 million pounds were used on the farms where produced. The average number of milk cows during 1998 was 93,000 heads, 4,000 fewer than 1997. Milk production per cow averaged 15,452 pounds for all of 1998, an increase of 112 pounds from the 1997 average. There were 950 farms in Georgia with one or more milk cows in 1998. Cash receipts from marketing of Georgia produced milk and cream totaled \$237 million, an increase of 9 percent from 1997. Average prices received for milk in 1998 were \$16.60 per hundredweight, \$1.90 more than 1997. Macon County was the leading county in number of milk cows on January 1, 1999, with 9,800 head followed by Putnam County with 9,100.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Red meat production in commercial plants in Georgia during 1998 totaled 281 million pounds, down 5 percent from 1997. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton slaughtered. Cattle, hogs and sheep totals are not printed to avoid disclosing individual operation.

CATTLE AND CALVES--Number on Farms and Value January 1, Georgia, 1992-1999

Year	All Cattle and Calves	Value	
		Average per Head	Total
	--1,000 Head--	--Dollars--	--1,000 Dollars--
1992	1,380	540	745,200
1993	1,400	535	749,000
1994	1,470	555	815,850
1995	1,500	550	825,000
1996	1,470	425	624,750
1997	1,390	410	569,900
1998	1,300	500	650,000
1999	1,300	520	676,000

CATTLE AND CALVES--Number on Farms January 1, Georgia, 1992-1999

Year	Cows and Heifers that have Calved			Heifers 500 pounds and over			
	Beef Cows	Milk Cows	All Cows	Beef Cow Replacements	Milk Cow Replacements	Other Heifers	Total Heifers
	--1,000 Head--						
1992	635	105	740	98	41	43	182
1993	658	102	760	115	34	36	185
1994	668	102	770	125	37	38	200
1995	698	102	800	108	39	38	185
1996	692	98	790	100	35	45	180
1997	672	98	770	102	34	38	174
1998	624	96	720	94	32	33	159
1999	620	90	710	85	29	35	149

CATTLE AND CALVES--On Farms and On Feed, January 1, Georgia, 1992-1999

Year	Number on Farms			Cattle & Calves on Feed
	Steers 500 Pounds and Over	Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	Steer, Heifer, & Bull Calves Under 500 Pounds	
--1,000 Head--				
1992	65	44	349	18
1993	47	45	363	17
1994	55	45	400	12
1995	56	44	415	15
1996	51	44	405	10
1997	42	43	361	5
1998	40	41	340	5
1999	50	41	350	2

CATTLE AND CALVES-Number of Operations and Percent of Inventory by Size Groups, Georgia, 1992-1998

Year	Operations Having:					Inventory on Operation Having:				
	1-49 Head	50-99 Head	100-499 Head	500-999 Head ^{1/}	1,000+ Head	1-49 Head	50-99 Head	100-499 Head	500-999 Head ^{1/}	1,000+ Head
	--Number--					--Percent--				
1992	21,200	4,130	3,500	170		28.0	18.0	43.0	11.0	
1993	18,200	3,800	2,800	150	50	25.0	20.0	43.0	7.0	5.0
1994	17,200	3,700	2,800	240	60	23.0	20.0	39.0	11.0	7.0
1995	18,200	3,600	2,900	250	50	25.0	17.0	40.0	12.0	6.0
1996	17,200	3,600	3,000	160	40	25.0	19.0	44.0	7.5	4.5
1997	17,200	3,700	2,800	250	50	24.0	20.0	39.0	11.0	6.0
1998	16,300	3,700	2,700	240	60	23.0	20.0	38.0	11.0	8.0

1/ Prior to 1993, 500+ head.

CALF CROP AND CATTLE DISPOSITION--Georgia, 1992-1998

CATTLE CROP AND CATTLE DISPOSAL - Georgia, 1992-1999								
Year	Calves Born	Cows that have Calved	Inshipments	Marketings ^{1/}		Farm Slaughter Cattle & Calves	Deaths	
				Cattle	Calves		Cattle	Calves
--1,000 Head--								
1992	650	740	59	326	298	2	26	37
1993	655	760	77	315	282	3	29	33
1994	650	770	106	352	317	3	24	30
1995	650	800	126	393	351	3	25	34
1996	620	790	111	392	353	3	26	37
1997	580	770	186	411	380	3	23	39
1998	590	720	125	340	307	3	26	39

1/ Excludes interfarm sales.

CATTLE AND CALVES--Production and Income, Georgia, 1992-1998

CATTLE AND CALVES: Production and Income, Georgia, 1992-1998							
Year	Production ^{1/}	Marketings ^{2/}	Price per 100 Lbs.		Cash Receipts ^{3/}	Value of Home Consumption	Gross Income
			Cattle	Calves			
--1,000 Pounds--			--Dollars--		--1,000 Dollars--		
1992	393,420	416,920	56.30	82.10	267,564	3,705	271,269
1993	622,071	423,460	58.10	85.50	279,667	5,264	284,931
1994	441,395	481,690	51.80	75.60	282,398	4,889	287,287
1995	464,166	560,520	42.30	66.30	273,849	3,930	277,779
1996	472,922	588,120	34.20	49.20	224,171	2,948	227,119
1997	438,265	626,920	44.50	78.40	335,213	3,233	338,446
1998	433,297	513,000	43.30	73.00	261,725	3,699	265,424

1/ Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments. 2/ Excludes interfarm sales. 3/ Receipts from marketings and sales of farm slaughter.

MILK COWS--Number on Farms, Quarterly, Georgia, 1992-1998

Year	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Annual Average
--Thousands--					
1992	104	101	102	102	102
1993	100	100	100	102	101
1994	102	102	102	102	102
1995	102	101	100	98	100
1996	97	96	97	98	97
1997	97	97	96	96	97
1998	95	95	93	90	93

MILK PRODUCTION--Pounds per Cow, Quarterly, Georgia, 1992-1998

Year	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Annual Average
--Pounds--					
1992	4,020	3,880	3,235	3,705	14,882
1993	4,200	4,010	3,340	3,725	15,198
1994	4,235	4,176	3,412	3,814	15,637
1995	4,245	4,158	3,390	3,704	15,550
1996	4,247	3,979	3,320	3,776	15,320
1997	4,247	4,072	3,375	3,719	15,340
1998	4,242	4,011	3,333	3,811	15,452

MILK PRODUCTION--Total Pounds Produced, Quarterly, Georgia, 1992-1998

Year	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Annual Average
--Million Pounds--					
1992	418	392	330	378	1,518
1993	420	401	334	380	1,535
1994	432	426	348	389	1,595
1995	433	420	339	363	1,555
1996	412	382	322	370	1,486
1997	412	395	324	357	1,488
1998	403	381	310	343	1,437

MILK PRODUCTION--Utilization, Milkfat and Value, Georgia, 1992-1998

Year	Total Milk Production	Sold to Plants and Dealers	Sold Directly to Consumers ^{1/}	Used on Farms	Milkfat	Cash Receipts from Marketings
--Million Pounds--				--Percent--		--Thous. Dollars--
1992	1,518	1,505	8	5	3.60	229,860
1993	1,535	1,530		5	3.53	224,910
1994	1,595	1,590		5	3.57	236,910
1995	1,555	1,540		15	3.57	222,220
1996	1,486	1,470		16	3.60	239,610
1997	1,488	1,475		13	3.58	216,825
1998	1,437	1,425		12	3.61	236,550

1/ Sold directly to consumer combined with sold to plants and dealers beginning in 1993.

COW AND HEIFERS--Kept for Milk, Number on Farms and Value, Georgia, January 1, 1992-1998

Year	Cows and Heifers that have calved	Value per Head ^{1/}	Total Value	Heifers 500 Lbs. and Over
--1,000 Head--		--Dollars--	--1,000 Dollars--	--1,000 Head--
1992	105	1,140	119,700	41
1993	102	1,170	119,340	34
1994	102	1,190	121,380	37
1995	102	1,150	117,300	39
1996	98	1,140	111,720	35
1997	98	1,150	112,700	34
1998	96	1,150	110,400	32

1/ Value per head is based on the replacement value for milk cows and not necessarily the herd average value.

MILK COWS--Number of Operations and Percent of Inventory by Size Groups, Georgia, 1992-1998

Year	Operations Having:					Inventory on Operations Having:				
	1-29 Head	30-49 Head	50-99 Head	100-199 Head ^{1/}	200+ Head	1-29 Head	30-49 Head	50-99 Head	100-199 Head ^{1/}	200+ Head
--Number--						--Percent--				
1992	600	50	150	400		1.4	1.5	9.8	87.3	
1993	600	50	150	250	150	1.5	1.5	10.0	32.0	55.0
1994	580	40	140	240	150	1.5	1.5	10.0	31.0	56.0
1995	530	30	150	230	160	0.8	1.2	11.0	30.0	57.0
1996	540	20	140	210	140	1.1	0.9	11.0	30.0	57.0
1997	520	20	120	200	140	2.1	0.9	10.0	29.0	58.0
1998	500	20	100	190	140	3.0	1.0	8.0	28.0	60.0

1/ 1992 and earlier years 100+ head.

**MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS--Production of Specified Products,
Georgia, 1992-1998^{1/}**

Year	Ice Cream	Ice Milk	Milk Sherbet
		--Thousand Gallons--	
1992	9,393	5,222	
1993	9,665	6,277	
1994	9,184	6,575	
1995	10,045	5,346	
1996	10,249		765
1997	9,832		789
1998	7,132		699

1/ Blanks indicate estimates not shown to avoid disclosing individual plant information.

**COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER
Number, Average and Total Live Weight, by Class, Georgia, 1992-1998^{1/2/}**

Year	Number Slaughtered	Average Live Weight	Total Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Average Live Weight	Total Live Weight
	Thousands	Pounds	Thous. Lbs.	Thousands	Pounds	Thous. Lbs.
	CATTLE			CALVES		
1992						
1993						
1994						
1995						
1996				0.7	376	268
1997				4.2	139	589
1998	359.1	1131	406,008			
	HOGS			SHEEP		
1992				1.3	95	124
1993				1.0	105	105
1994				1.4	95	136
1995						
1996				2.1	86	178
1997	309.6	265	82,098	2.4	101	245
1998	296.5	273	81,002	3.4	102	345

1/ Includes slaughter in federally inspected and in other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. 2/ Blanks indicate estimates not shown to avoid disclosing individual operations.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION--Georgia, 1990-1998

Year	Million Pounds	Year	Million Pounds
1992	446.0	1996	348.4
1993	428.1	1997	294.9
1994	453.0	1998	280.9
1995	457.0		

**HOGS AND PIGS--Number on Farms and Number by Classes, March 1 and June 1,
Georgia, 1992-1999**

Year	On Farms Mar. 1	Number on Farms March 1		On Farms June 1	Number on Farms June 1	
		Breeding	Market		Breeding	Market
		--1,000 Head--			--1,000 Head--	
1992	1,160	160	1,000	1,160	160	1,000
1993	1,100	155	945	1,030	140	890
1994	990	140	850	1,030	140	890
1995	790	95	695	770	95	675
1996	660	80	580	690	75	615
1997	590	70	520	590	75	515
1998	490	70	420	500	70	430
1999	490	70	420	510	70	440

**HOGS AND PIGS--Number on Farms, September 1 and December 1;
Value, December 1, Georgia, 1992-1998**

Year	On Farms Sep 1	Number on Farms September 1		On Farms Dec 1	Number on Farms December 1		Value	
		Breeding	Market		Breeding	Market	Average per Head	Total
		--1,000 Head--			--1,000 Head--		--Dollars--	--1,000 Dols.--
1992	1,130	155	975	1,100	155	945	67.00	73,700
1993	1,050	150	900	1,020	140	880	74.00	75,480
1994	990	125	865	950	125	825	53.00	50,350
1995	730	85	645	700	85	615	71.00	49,700
1996	660	70	590	650	80	570	86.00	55,900
1997	570	65	505	520	70	450	81.00	42,120
1998	480	65	415	480	70	410	42.00	18,060

HOGS AND PIGS--Sows Farrowed and Pigs Saved, Georgia, 1992-1999

Year	Sows Farrowed	Pigs Saved	Sows Farrowed	Pigs Saved	Sows Farrowed	Pigs Saved
	--1,000 Head--					
	December ^{1/} through February		March through May		December ^{1/} through May	
1992	60	447	64	502	124	949
1993	57	439	53	419	110	858
1994	47	353	53	429	100	782
1995	39	306	41	332	80	638
1996	38	304	40	338	78	642
1997	30	242	30	251	60	493
1998	26	217	25	210	51	427
1999	28	241	31	267	59	508
	June through August		September through November		June through November	
1992	56	434	57	433	113	867
1993	53	427	48	377	101	804
1994	50	388	48	382	98	770
1995	38	310	39	326	77	636
1996	30	252	31	257	61	509
1997	29	244	25	209	54	453
1998	25	211	28	232	53	443
1999 ^{2/}	30	3/	29	3/	59	3/

1/ December previous year. 2/ Intentions. 3/ Not available.

HOGS--Production and Income, Georgia, 1992-1998

Year	Production ^{1/}	Marketings ^{2/}	Price per 100 Pounds	Cash Receipts ^{3/}	Value of Home Consumption	Gross Income
	--1,000 Pounds--		--Dollars--		--1,000 Dollars--	
1992	420,015	420,071	39.80	168,410	1,791	170,201
1993	386,365	396,968	43.50	176,055	1,815	177,870
1994	357,948	365,327	39.30	148,237	1,541	149,778
1995	310,457	342,983	39.70	139,155	1,058	140,213
1996	266,456	272,115	49.00	135,503	1,205	136,708
1997	230,861	254,877	48.60	127,292	964	128,256
1998	185,623	195,213	32.40	65,321	482	65,803

1/ Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments. 2/ Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within the State. 3/ Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter. Includes allowance for higher average price of State outshipments of feeder pigs.

HOGS AND PIGS--Number of Operations and Percent of Inventory by Size Groups, Georgia, 1992-1998

Year	Operations Having:					Inventory on Operations Having:				
	1-99 Head	100-499 Head	500-999 Head	1,000-1,999 Head ^{1/}	2,000+ Head	1-99 Head	100-499 Head	500-999 Head	1,000-1,999 Head ^{1/}	2,000+ Head
	--Number--					--Percent--				
1992	5,000	1,100	230	100	70	13.0	23.0	15.0	14.0	35.0
1993	4,480	1,100	220	100	100	11.0	23.0	15.0	13.0	38.0
1994	3,180	930	190	100	100	11.0	22.0	14.0	14.0	39.0
1995	2,000	700	140	80	80	7.0	18.0	12.0	13.0	50.0
1996	1,450	500	110	70	70	4.0	16.0	11.0	14.0	55.0
1997	1,430	350	90	60	70	4.0	10.0	9.0	11.0	66.0
1998	1,340	200	50	40	70	5.0	7.0	7.0	11.0	70.0

1/ Prior to 1992, 1,000+ head.

FARMS - Number with Livestock Georgia, 1992-1998

